

Resolution 7:

Resolution Condemning the Actions of Mike Caputo on March 1, 2019 in the State House

Whereas, the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee supports the First Amendment of the Constitution allowing free and respectful speech; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee believes this freedom of speech includes differing opinions that offer the right to freely debate; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee believes that the disagreement of beliefs and opinions should be resolved respectfully by our Elected Officials; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee vehemently condemns any acts of violence bullying or verbal abuse when there is a differing political opinion in the State House; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee believes members of the WV House and Senate should be held at a higher standard and in their leadership roles should serve as an example of civility and resolving differences in a peaceful manner to the citizenry; and

Whereas, on March 1, 2019, while rightfully fulfilling his obligations to his job, which was to prevent members to enter the House Chamber during the Pledge and prayer, an assistant doorkeeper of the House of Delegates was injured when Delegate Caputo forcefully and violently kicked the door open causing bodily injury to the assistant Doorkeeper; and

Whereas, Delegate Caputo verbally abused the assistant Doorkeeper using inappropriate language disrespectful to the order of the House of Delegates; therefore, let it be

Resolved, that the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee condemns the actions of Delegate Caputo unacceptable and believes this Delegate should have been censured. Hopefully the voters will agree.

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